Docket No.: 1075.1155

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuaki USUI et al.

Serial No. 09/818,498

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No. 1215

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Examiner: Tommy D. Lee

For:

HALFTONING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH HALFTONING PROGRAM IS RECORDED

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on June 17, 2006.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to July 17, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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